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Mud Pack Therapy on Taj Mahal

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mud pack therapy has been used frequently on the Taj Mahal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this move;
- (c) the amount of expenditure incurred on this therapy;
- (d) whether frequent use of mud pack therapy is adversely affecting monuments' aesthetic value; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the monument?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) The mud pack method is considered most appropriate for cleaning of marble surface. It has not been used frequently, as once cleaned the surface does not require treatment for about 6-7 years.

(c) The year-wise details of expenditure incurred for cleaning of marble surface of Taj Mahal, during last three years are as follows:-

S. No. Year Expenditure in Rs.

1 2013-14 Rs.4,23,457/-

2. 2014-15 Rs.8,50,937/-

3. 2015-16 Rs.55,18,412/-

(d) & (e) No Madam. The mud pack treatment improves the aesthetic value of the monument by removal of engrained accretionary deposits.